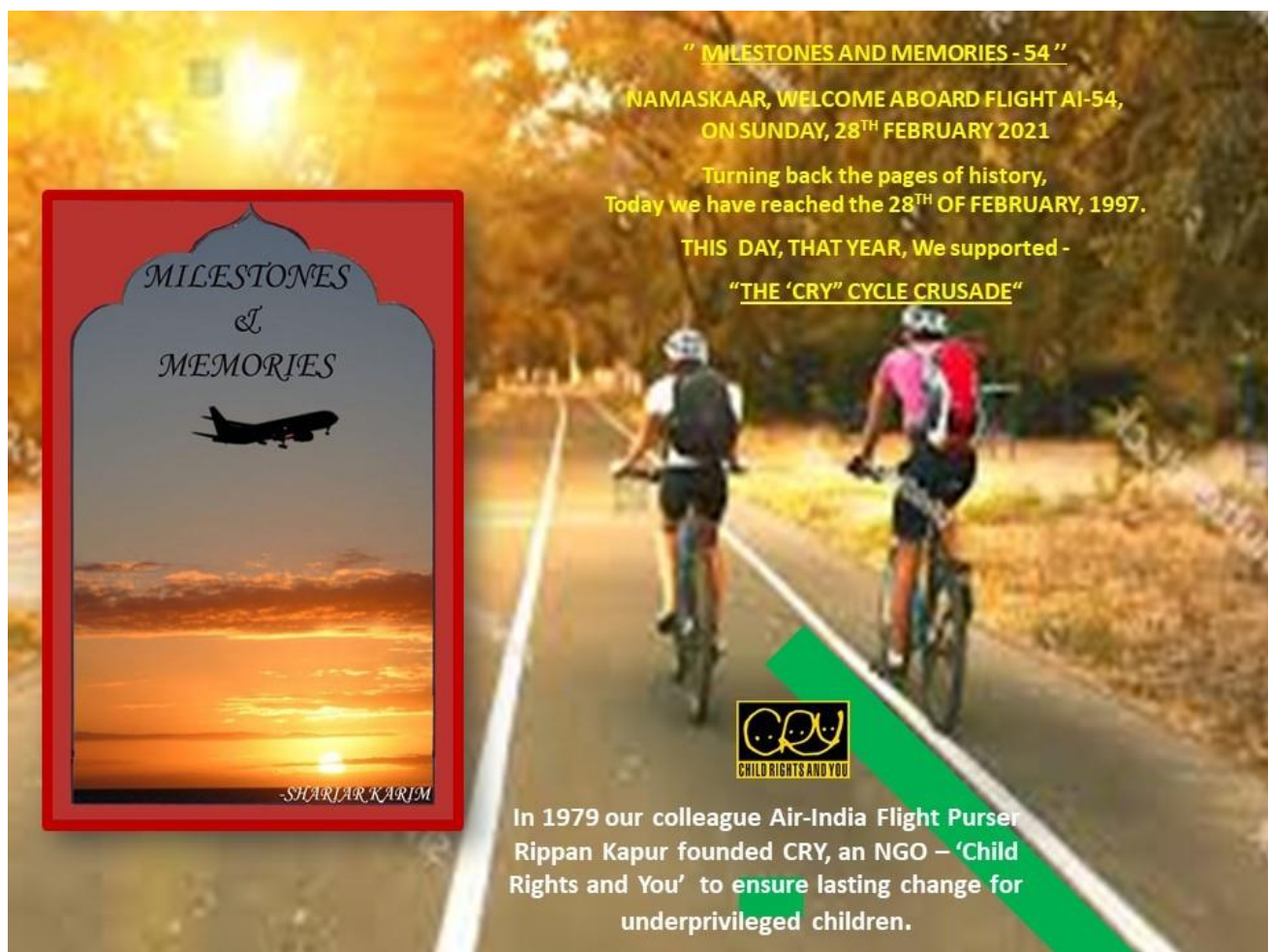


ODYSSEY AI – 54
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI-53 on 8th February 2021 “My C. I. Ps”

THIS FLIGHT : AI -54 on 28th February 2021 “ The CRY Cycle Crusade”

NEXT FLIGHT:AI -55 on 28th February 2021 “MY 37TH YEAR WITH AIR-INDIA”






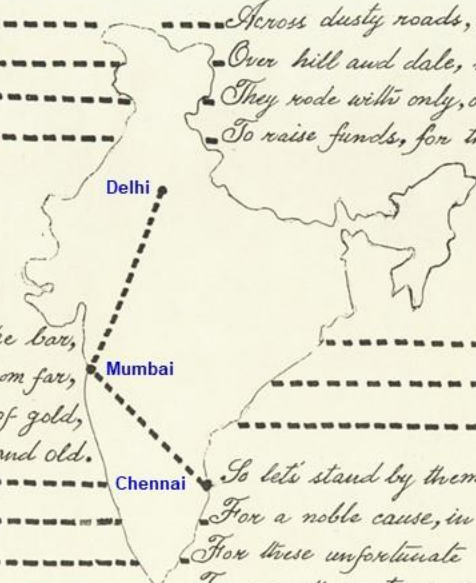
In 1997, to support this cause, another motivated Cabin Crew of ours Flight Purser S. R. Vasudevan and a friend of his took it upon themselves to raise funds for this noble cause by cycling all the way from Chennai, to Mumbai, to Delhi. To create awareness and give publicity to the great effort, I set up a huge map in the In Flight Service Department Office at Sahar tracking their movements as they progressed along their route. They reached Mumbai in the afternoon of 28th February, 1997 and I invited them into the I.F.S. Department Auditorium where I was one of the Facilitators conducting the 'Together Towards Tomorrow' Corporate Training Programme. It was a well timed entry for the cyclists to share with all the participants their experiences along the way as well as to motivate us Air-Indians to find time and devote some effort for this noble cause. Their initiative was lauded by all the participants as this poem "Cry Cycle Crusade" was displayed on screen and recited creating an impact and bringing in spontaneous donations.

The cycle CRUSADE

*With legs on the pedals and hands on the bar,
They travelled cross country as they came from far,
Two men with empathy and hearts of gold,
Were reaching out to people, both young and old.*

*Across dusty roads, in heat or cold,
Over hill and dale, through shine or rain,
They rode with only one mission in mind,
To raise funds, for the unknown child.*

*So let's stand by them and lend a hand,
For a noble cause, in our motherland,
For those unfortunate children let us try,
To wipe their tears, with the help of *



- Sharif Karim -
28.2.97

AIR-INDIA FLIGHT PURSER S. R. VASUDEVAN AND FRIEND CYCLED FROM CHENNAI TO DELHI VIA MUMBAI TO CREATE AWARENESS AND RAISE FUNDS FOR 'CRY' I constantly monitored their progress along the route and reflected their position on a huge map on the I.F.S.D. Notice Board.

A photograph of two cyclists riding away on a paved road. The cyclist on the left is wearing a white jersey and a white helmet. The cyclist on the right is wearing a pink and red jersey and a white helmet. The road is flanked by trees with yellow and orange autumn foliage. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated rear perspective.

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